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ADJ. GEN. E. A. WEDGWOOD (top) and Col. James A. Irons, former Fort Douglas commander, whom President Wilson has named for high army positions.



WILSON SELECTS WEDGWOOD FOR HIGH ARMY POST

National Guard Commander
Is Slated for Appointment
as Brigadier General.

Edgar A. Wedgwood, former adjutant general of Utah and commander of the Utah National guard, Samson L. Faison, colonel of the Forty-second infantry and commander of Fort Douglas, and James A. Irons, former commander of the local post and now stationed with the Second infantry, are included in a list of names sent to the Senate yesterday by President Wilson designating thirty-seven new major generals and 141 new brigadier generals for the new national army. All three were recommended for brigadier generals.

Included in the list recommended for second lieutenants of the engineers officers reserve corps is Robert D. Dalton of Willard, Box Elder county, Utah.

The seniority rule was followed generally although there were numerous instances where men were passed over, according to dispatches. The commissions for brigadier generals were distributed proportionately apparently among the three branches of the service—infantry, cavalry and artillery.

Some of the new major generals were colonels a year ago and only recently received their promotions to be brigadiers. All the commissions, however, are for the duration of the war only. The rule laid down by Secretary Baker for the selection of general officers directed that two major qualifications govern the board—evidence during their army careers of skill in leading troops in action, and in training soldiers.